

Clipper Publisher to be Inducted into Newspaper Hall of Fame

Based on his distinguished service to the industry, a special committee has chosen to induct *Duxbury Clipper* publisher David Cutler into the New England Press Association's (NEPA) Hall of Fame this February. NEPA serves more than 700 newspapers throughout New England.

Cutler has devoted 38 years as an owner, publisher, editor and reporter to improving small community newspapers and mentoring young journalists throughout New England and beyond.

In addition to serving as publisher of the *Clipper*, Cutler is co-owner of Stonebridge Press, a group of five weekly papers and one small daily in central Massachusetts, and Salmon Press, a group of nine weeklies in New Hampshire.

A Colby College graduate, Cutler began his career in 1965 as a reporter for the *Patriot Ledger*. He founded *Mariner Newspapers* in 1972 after serving three years in Vietnam, including one year as a highly decorated platoon commander.

Over the next two decades, Cutler transformed a single paid, one-town weekly into a multi-million dollar, 15-town weekly newspaper group. He sold *Mariner Newspapers* to Capital Cities/ABC Inc. in 1989, but remained publisher there.

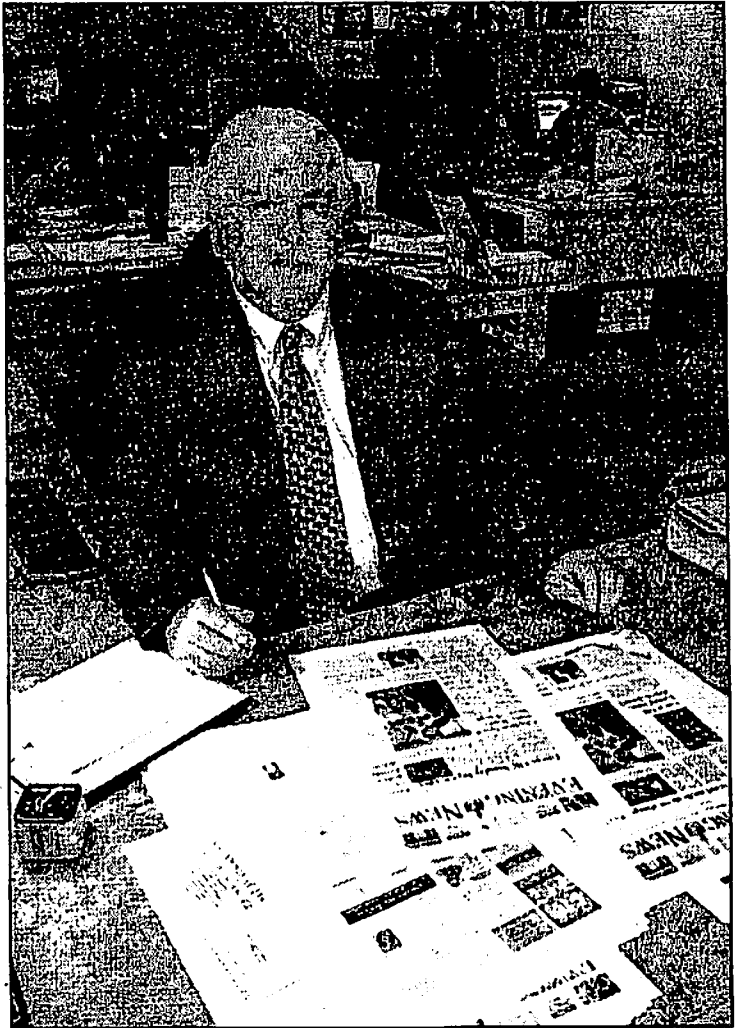
Looking for the challenge of reinvigorating a sluggish newspaper group, Cutler and his long-time partner and friend John Coots, purchased the financially strapped Worcester County Newspapers in 1995, which includes the *Southbridge Evening News*.

The company was near bankruptcy with its small daily and six weekly newspapers at the time. Cutler rebuilt the entire operation while serving as editor-in-chief and publisher in the early years. He wasn't finished, however, with breathing new life into tired publications.

After increasing financial stability and editorial credibility at his Massachusetts newspapers, Cutler helped form Salmon Press in August 1999 by acquiring five central New Hampshire weeklies. Based in Meredith, N.H., Salmon Press has grown to nine publications during Cutler's ownership.

Cutler will accept the Hall of Fame honor at a special ceremony Friday Feb. 6 at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel.

Cutler lives on Surplus Street with his wife, Catherine, and nine-year-old



Clipper publisher David Cutler will be inducted into the Newspaper Hall of Fame next month.

daughter, Rebecca. He is one of three Cutler generations to run the *Clipper*. Cutler's parents, John and Roberta,

founded the paper in 1950, and his son Josh now serves as editor.